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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Patricia Ackerman, CDFM

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all that made this year's Professional Development Day (PDD) a success. This thank you is not just for those that worked hard to make it happen, but also for those that attended, for it could not have been a success without you.

One item that was accomplished at this year's PDD was to establish a nominating committee for the upcoming elections. With that in mind, I would like to make one more pitch for volunteering to serve on the Chapter Executive Counsel (CEC). I won't lie to you and tell you there is no work involved because there will be work that needs to be accomplished but it is a worthwhile endeavor and one that I encourage all of you to consider. Several of the current officers have been serving for multiple years and would like to pass the baton to another volunteer. They have served us well and it is time to let them to move on. Descriptions of the duties for all positions can be found at our web site:

http://www.geocities.com/asmc_mtvernon/.

We received a lot of favorable comments on this year's PDD but also received a great many requests for some kind of motivational speaker for at least a portion of the day. With that idea in mind, I am asking each of you to think about the training you have taken in the past and let us know if you have heard any great motivational speakers recently. Keep in mind that we cannot afford to pay for anyone's travel so they would need to be local.

Using the credit card for payment of this year's event turned out to be a great success. As a result of this initiative, we only have to solicit payment for four individuals that attended. This means that our cash flow is in a much better position this year than last year at this same time. The end result is, that despite the smaller than usual turn out this year, we are going to be able to give out at least four and possibly five scholarships to deserving students at May's luncheon. Come out and help us celebrate.

Once again I would like to thank each and every person that came out to join us at this year's PDD. The speakers were great, the food was good and everyone that helped put this training together did a wonderful job. My thanks to all of you.

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Mount Vernon Chapter Executive Counsel Nominating Committee

This year's nominating committee for the Program Year 2002-2003 Chapter Executive was appointed on 15 April during the general meeting. The committee will consist of Rose Green (DLA), Dave Knowlton (INSCOM), and Marticia Banks-Booker (USACE). If anyone is interested in serving in a Chapter Executive Council position, please notify one of the committee members. There are plenty of positions still open and we need you to volunteer!

FORT BELVOIR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION "QUICK TIPS"

The Fort Belvoir Credit Union has two upcoming seminars:

- 1. Thursday, May 9th- "Taking Control of your Retirement" at the Fort Belvoir Community Club (12:00-1:00 pm). Call (703) 730-1800 ext. 5151 to attend. Lunch will be provided. These days, retirement doesn't mean it's time to toss aside your running shoes. In fact, your retirement years could be some of the most active of your life. Whether your retirement seems miles away or is fast approaching, now is the time to get your plans into motion. This workshop will cover various aspects of retirement planning including:
- * 4 key areas of preparation
- * Emotional transition into retirement
- * Exploring sources of income in your retirement years
- 2. Wednesday, June 5th- "Home Buying Seminar" at SOSA Building on Fort Belvoir (11:00am-1:00pm). Call Michelle Geenty at (703) 730-1800 ext. 5147 to attend.

MINUTES OF THE CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

by April 10, 2002 by Robyn Walick



Minutes of the 10 Apr 2002 CEC Meeting

1. The President called the meeting to order at 1300 hrs, 10 April 2002. The following officers attended:

Patricia Ackerman, President Ron Szatmary, Vice President Jill F. Karayannis, Treasurer Rose Green, Social & Community Services Cindi Marxen, Web Master Marticia Banks-Booker, Chapter Competition

Karen Sikes, Publicity and Photography Robyn J. Walick, Secretary

The following officers were excused:
Diane Andrews, Awards & Scholarship
Snookie Senires-Dubyak, Services
Jill Cone, Membership
James Harden, Programs
Carol Bryant, Newsletter
Vacant, Education

- 2. Information on upcoming luncheons:
- a. May luncheon will be held at the Hunan East Restaurant. Cost is \$8.00 for members, \$9.00 for non-members.

The luncheon will be the Scholarship and Awards Banquet honoring the yet-to-be-decided scholarship winners.

- b. The June luncheon is not yet set. The speaker is scheduled to be Mr. Lindsay Bowers, Fort Belvoir Credit Union. Location/Cost TBD.
- c. July should be the installation of new officers.

3. Officer's Discussion:

- a. President:
 - * PDD was the topic of discussion.
- b. Education: PDD Planning. Monday, 15 April is the Chapter's Professional Development Day. The following planning was finalized at the meeting.
- * Speakers are all confirmed and escorts assigned.
- * Folders will be put together for each attendee. It will include nametags, meal selection card, Certification Committee Survey, PDI Booth Survey, Community Service Flyers, PDD Critique Sheet, Chapter Election Information, the Agenda, and a raffle ticket to put in for a chance at a CDFM module.
- * Cindi will get the chapter cookbooks and enamel pins together to be sold at the PDD.
 - c. Social and Community Services:
- * Flyers for the Route 1 cleanup and the March of Dimes Walk America will be available at the PDD.
- * There was discussion on having signup information for the Walk America at the PDD.
 - d. Vice President:
- * Plans need to be finalized for the PDI chapter booth. The directors voted to allot \$250 for raffle prizes (savings bonds, Mount Vernon wines).
- * Chapter pins/stickers Pat had information on the supplier who made the old red/white plastic pins and costs. Ron will research a few other vendors, and distribute this info to the CEC via email in the next two weeks. A vote by email will be taken. Pins and/or stickers, if approved, will

- need to be ordered before the next CEC meeting to allow time for them to arrive before the PDI. An alternative discussed was ordering stickers for the PDI this year, and ordering pins from Korea this summer.
- * Decorations for the chapter booth were discussed, but there was no decision reached on the kinds or the dollars allotted to this.
- * There was discussion on whether these should be distributed to chapter members to exchange with others at the PDI, or be a part of buying a raffle ticket at the Chapter Booth. There was no final decision. This will need to be decided at the PDI.
- * Ron will also investigate the cost of having a vinyl banner made.
 - e. Treasurer:
- * The audit from last year is finished and signed.
- * The credit card machine has been picked up from National. Pat will get the registrations to Jill to be entered. National will reconcile the dollars and cut the chapter a check.
- * A review of National's requirements showed our chapter financial records are to be kept at a Bank vice a Credit Union. A Bank will also facilitate our having credit card capability for the Chapter.
 - f. Services:
 - * Snookie is still out on sick leave.
- * Ron was asked to handle to May luncheon.
 - g. Chapter Competition:
- * The submission is being prepared. Marticia asked for the remaining information from those who owe her input.
- 4. Other Information: Chapter elections. The PDD and the May luncheons will be used to ask for volunteers for the next year. The elections will be held during the June luncheon. July will be installation of officers. It will be a topic for next year's officers on moving the elections closer to the program year.
- 5. The meeting was adjourned at 1410 hrs.



Grapevine

DCAA News:

Congratulations to Ellen O'Donnell (Budget Analyst) and Paul Earley (Operating Accountant) of DCAA. They each received DCAA Commendation Awards in April 02.

TEC News:

Fran Ramsey, Branch Secretary for the Topographic Engineer Center's (TEC) Operations Division and Sara Quesenberry, former Branch Secretary of the TEC Systems Division each received the 2001 TEC Director's Award for Secretarial Excellence. Congratulations Fran and Sara!

COME TO THE MAY LUNCHEON AND HELP US CELEBRATE OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

When: May 16th
Where: Hunan East, Sacramento
Shopping Center, Alexandria
Cost: \$8 Members, \$9 NonMembers
Topic: Annual Awards and
Scholarships Luncheon

NATIONAL NEWS

PDI 2002 -- Salute to Financial Management

Mark your calendars now for PDI 2002 in Denver on May 28 - 31. The host committee has some fantastic plans for a dynamic PDI, beginning with an icebreaker on Tuesday evening. General session speakers will include the Honorable Dov Zakheim, OSD Comptroller; General Barry McCaffrey and Ms. Connie Podesta, who spoke at PDI 1997 and is back by popular demand. There will be a wide variety of workshops, the majority being approved for NASBA classification. General Ralph Eberhart has been booked as the speaker for this year's Quetsch Lecture Series speaker on Thursday. Registration for members will be \$410. More details will be provided, as they become available, at www.asmconline.org.



Welcome to the following new members!

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